

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Linda G. Cima, Edward W. Merrill, and Philip R. Kuhl

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Examiner: Jeffrey E. Russel

For: *CELL GROWTH SUBSTRATES WITH TETHERED CELL GROWTH EFFECTOR MOLECULES*

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 14, 1997, the Advisory Action mailed August 15, 1997, and the interview with the Examiner held on August 25, 1997, the following proposed amendments and remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration. The Examiner's courtesy in consenting to an Interview and in offering a number of helpful suggestions is greatly appreciated. Applicants respectfully submit that, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116(b), they have good and sufficient reasons why the amendments should be entered. The amendments put the application in condition for allowance and in better form for appeal, should the case not be allowed. The amendments do not raise new issues that would require further search or issues of new matter. A Petition for an Extension of Time for two months, up to and including September 14, 1997, authorizing the Examiner to charge the appropriate fee for a small entity to our Deposit Order Account is enclosed with this response.

**In the Specification**

On page 11, line 3, change "know" to --known--.